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1. MESSRS JAMES G. LOWENSTEIN AND RICHARD M. MOOSE, STAFF CONSULTANTS SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, HAD ONE-HOUR SESSION WITH [REDACTED] AFTERNOON 11 DECEMBER. MEETING WAS FUNDAMENTALLY QUESTION AND ANSWER SEANCE IN WHICH QUESTIONS WERE LOFTED PRIMARILY BY MR. LOWENSTEIN AND [REDACTED] GAVE ANSWERS BASED ON STATION'S CURRENT KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION. THRUST OF QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON THIEU'S POLITICAL MOBILIZATION, THIEU'S POLITICAL INTENTIONS IN 71, "BIG" MINH: SENATOR DON, AN QUANG BUDDHISTS, TR NGOC LIENG, AND PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS. QUESTIONS WERE ALSO ASKED ABOUT PROGRESS OF PHOENIX AND SIGNIFICANCE OF NVA FORCES MOVING TO DELTA. NO PROBLEMS DEVELOPED DURING THIS SESSION AND VISITORS STATED AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING THAT THEY HAD FOUND EXCHANGE MOST HELPFUL.

2. IN GENERAL CONVERSATION MR. LOWENSTEIN STATED THAT [REDACTED] HAD DISTINGUISHED ITSELF IN ABM DISCUSSIONS

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AND HAD EARNED SENATE'S HIGHEST ESTEEM FOR PERFORMANCE

DURING SENATE HEARINGS ON ABM ISSUE.

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